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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT - MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

REF: MONTEVIDEO 1497; BUENOS AIRES 2861

1. AS OF MID-DAY JULY 31, NEITHER EMBASSY NOR POLICE HAVE ANY FURTHER INFO REGARDING WHEREABOUTS MITRIONE. NO CONTACT AS YET FROM KIDNAPPERS.

2. JONES AND ROSENFELD WERE BROUGHT TO EMBASSY EARLIER THIS MORNING AND EXAMINED BY DOCTOR. INJURIES MINOR. JONES HAS CUT ON HEAD FROM BLOW WITH PISTOL BUTT. ROSENFELD SIMILARLY STRUCK.

3. ACCORDING TO BOTH, INITIAL ATTACK OCCURRED IN GARAGE JONES APARTMENT BUILDING AS TWO PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR WORK. ROSENFELD SEIZED FIRST AND KIDNAPPERS ASKED FOR JONES BY NAME. ASSAILANTS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MLN - TUPAMARO TERRORIST GROUP). WHEN JONES ARRIVED, ROSENFELD STRUCK WITH GUN WHILE JONES PARTIALLY BOUND, COVERED

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WITH BLANKET AND THROWN IN ROSENFELD CAR. APPARENTLY FOUR MEN INVOLVED IN ASSAULT BUT ONE OR TWO LEFT WHEN JONES TRANSFERRED TO PICKUP TRUCK. AFTER SHORT DISTANCE WHEN TRUCK SLOWED JONES ATTEMPTD TO CALL FOR HELP AND WAS STRUCK ON HEAD WITHPISTOL. HE BELIEVES MAN IN BACK OF TRUCK WITH HIM THEN MOVED TO CAB, PRESUMABLY THINKING JONES UNCONSCIOUS. AS TRUCK BEGAN TO MOVE JONES LEAPED FROM BACK AND SECURED ASSISTANCE OF BYSTANDERS. MEN IN TRUCK SHOUTED AT HIM BUT CONTINUED ON UNDETAINED. BECAUSE KIDNAPPERS WERE OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FOR JONES BY NAME, HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN MOVED TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR GREATER SAFETY AND WILL REMAIN THERE FOR NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. EMBASSY IS ON FULL SECURITY ALERT AND AMBASSADOR WILL ADDRESS AMERICAN STAFF THIS AFTERNOON TO OUTLINE WEEKEND SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. TWENTY-FOUR HOUR COMMAND POST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OFFICE OF MILGP COMMANDER.

5. ACCORDING TO BRAZILIAN EMBASSY, FIRST SECRETARY AND CONSUL ALOYSIO GOMIDE KIDNAPPED AT APPROXIMATELY 0800 HOURS THIS A.M. WHEN ASSAILANTS ENTERED HIS HOME AND CARRIED HIM OFF IN PAJAMAS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER INFO ON HIS WHEREABOUTS.

6. POLICE HAVE NOW RECOVERED FIVE CARS WHICH THEY BELIEVE WERE INVOLVED IN ASSAULTS TODAY. TWO VEHICLES CONTAINED TOTAL OF FIVE RIFLES.

7. WE HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES FROM BOTH LOCAL SOURCES AND FROM UNITED STATES. WE HAVE THUS FAR CONFIRMED THAT MITRIONE KIDNAPPED AND JONES AND ROSENFELD NOW SAFE. WE HAVE REFERRED ALL FURTHER INQUIRIES TO LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES. SINCE MITRIONE STILL IN KIDNAPPERS HANDS, WE THINK MINIMUM ATTENTION SHOULD BE DRAWN TO UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AGAINST JONES AND ROSENFELD, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ANY REACTION BY KIDNAPPERS AGAINST MITRIONE.
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